IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re	Application of: Sugioka et al	
Application No.:		Art Unit:
Filed:		Examiner:
For:	Fire retardant resin composition, method of its production, shaped articles comprising the same, and silica	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.